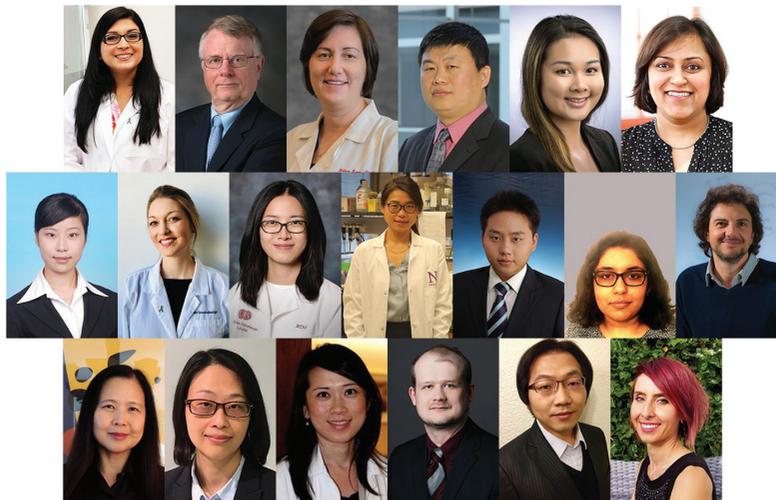


OCRFA NEWS

20 YEARS OF GRANT-MAKING AND PROPELLING VITAL RESEARCH



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In January, OCRFA announced its 2018 grantees. This year, we are awarding more than \$5.3 million in new scientific research grants for ovarian cancer, bringing our total investment in life-saving research to over \$80 million.

“All of us at OCRFA are thankful for the many scientists who dedicate themselves to research to help eradicate a disease that is the leading cause of gynecologic cancer deaths in the U.S.,” said Audra Moran, OCRFA President and CEO. “For 20 years OCRFA has supported researchers driven to advance science and achieve breakthroughs in the fight against ovarian cancer.”

The newest grants from OCRFA will fund a variety of researchers who will embark on new projects, including an assistant professor at the University of Chicago performing pioneering research on how ovarian cancer spreads; a post-doc at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research

Center working towards identifying new targeted drug therapies; and a senior investigator at MD Anderson Cancer Center exploring new drug combinations. Other projects include immunotherapy, genetics, and ovarian cancer biology.

In addition to our own research grants, OCRFA will support the Stand Up to Cancer Ovarian Cancer Dream Team, which is primarily funded by OCRFA, with an additional \$1.125 million this year.

“Our 2018 grantees are truly some of the most talented researchers in the field today,” said Dr. Jeff Boyd, Chair of OCRFA’s Scientific Advisory Committee and director of Translational Research and Genomic Medicine at Miami Cancer Institute. “Through their hard work and dedication to the cause, we hope to see significant progress that will help us find a cure for ovarian cancer.”

To learn more information about our grantees and their work, visit www.ocrfa.org.

LETTER FROM OCRFA'S PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends,



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As the largest organization in the world devoted to ending ovarian cancer, OCRFA has a responsibility to ensure the best services for those living with this disease, while funding and advocating for the research that will result in better treatments and ultimately prevent ovarian cancer. To complete this

mission, we take a 360 degree approach—from our cutting-edge research and tireless advocacy work, to our programs that support women through every step of their journey.

In this newsletter, we are proud to announce our latest grantees supported by our generous donors: 19 top scientists from 15 prestigious institutions across the U.S. You will also read about our Spring Advocacy Day, where 70 advocates from 36 states gave voice to the ovarian cancer community on Capitol Hill. Additionally, we're happy to report that our Woman to Woman program is now virtual. If you know someone who has recently been diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer, you will learn how this virtual expansion matches women with a mentor online. Read about an inspirational 13 year-old who helped organize an Ovarian Cycle ride, and a 10 year survivor who curated her own OCRFA gala. We're also pleased to announce that our long-standing Super Saturday event is moving to Manhattan this September. More details on this exciting change will be coming soon. We invite you to visit ocrfa.org and sign up to receive our emails and follow us on social media for updates on all of our activities and progress.

On behalf of everyone at OCRFA, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Audra L. Moran
PRESIDENT & CEO

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BIG VICTORY IN OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING

On March 22, Congress approved a spending bill to fund the government for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018. The bill continues to fund the Department of Defense's Ovarian Cancer Research Program at \$20 million and includes increases in funding to other important ovarian cancer programs.

Specifically, the bill includes a \$1.5 million boost in funding for Johanna's Law to support ovarian cancer education and awareness, and a \$2 million

increase for Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative (OCCI), both administered by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The bill also includes a nearly 10% increase in funding to National Institutes of Health (NIH) which funds cancer research through National Cancer Institute (NCI). Thanks to our Advocate Leaders and our incredibly supportive community for fighting with us. We all share in this achievement.

ADVOCATING FOR THE FUTURE OF OVARIAN CANCER

On March 5, OCRFA hosted our annual Spring Advocacy Day, a day filled with determination, as more than 70 survivors and advocates from 36 different states made their way to D.C. The group took to the Hill for nearly 100 meetings with legislative staff on both the Senate and House sides. OCRFA is focusing on increasing the federal government's investment in ovarian cancer research and education funding for Fiscal Year 2019. A primary goal is to increase the funding for the Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) within the Department of Defense from \$20 million to \$30 million. The OCRP is only able to support a fraction of the meritorious research applications they receive and often ends up having to forego promising investment opportunities. In addition, we are also seeking to increase funding to the National Institutes of Health and to maintain funding for the two critical ovarian cancer programs at the Centers for Disease Control.

Our Advocacy Day was a positive experience all around. Highlights of the day included the receipt of a near-record 121 signatures from House members on a Dear Colleague letter seeking an increase in funding for OCRP, and commitment



from several House and Senate offices to support the modernization and reauthorization of Johanna's Law.

While our Advocate Leader program is expansive, with Advocate Leaders from 29 states, our goal is to have representation from every state. To apply, visit ocrfa.org/advocate-leaders.

FOODIE FUN TO SUPPORT OCRFA

OCRFA's Turn Up the Heat D.C. was held on Wednesday, March 7, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The sizzling event featured 50 of the metro area's most fabulous female chefs, mixologists and restaurateurs. Over 430 guests sampled eclectic dishes and exotic drinks from places like Smoked and Stacked, Centrolina, Blue Duck Tavern, RIS, Zaytinya, Denizens Brewing Company, Sally's Middle Name and Hank's Oyster Bar...just to name a few.

We were honored to present Chef Marjorie Meek-Bradley from Smoked and Stacked with our 2018 Chef on Fire Award, recognizing her

commitment to the restaurant industry, OCRFA, and the D.C. community. A surprise treat for guests came courtesy of Kendra Scott, who donated 50 mystery boxes of jewelry, which sold out in a matter of minutes. In addition to enjoying the best food and drink D.C. has to offer, guests supported OCRFA's critical research efforts through a live auction and raised significant funds for scholarships for ovarian cancer survivors and caregivers to attend OCRFA's Ovarian Cancer National Conference in D.C. in July. Thanks to our chefs, mixologists and attendees, we achieved our goal of raising over \$200,000.

TURNING UP THE HEAT IN BOSTON

OCRFA is excited to announce the inaugural Turn Up the Heat Boston, taking place May 8th at the Boston College Club. OCRFA will bring the beloved foodie event—featuring local female chefs and mixologists—to Boston, allowing us to not only keep funding critical ovarian cancer

research, but to also continue to educate and serve ovarian cancer patients, survivors and caregivers, as well as the thousands whose lives will be touched by ovarian cancer. To learn more, visit www.turnuptheheatboston.org.



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JOIN US FOR OCRFA'S OVARIAN CANCER NATIONAL CONFERENCE®

JULY 13-15 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Photo: CloudSpotter

Each year, OCRFA convenes ovarian cancer patients, survivors and caregivers at the Ovarian Cancer National Conference, an informative and transformative weekend of hope, inspiration and fun.

July 13th–15th, OCRFA's National Conference will be in Washington, D.C., where over 400 attendees will have a front row seat at the largest and most trusted ovarian cancer forum. Experts in the field will give updates on topics like recurrence, clinical trials, cost of treatment, health care policy,

and more, at over a dozen keynote and breakout sessions. In addition, attendees also get the chance to make lasting connections as they meet hundreds of others whose lives have also been touched by ovarian cancer. To register, visit ocrfa.org/events/conference.

We are thankful to TESARO, the 2018 National Conference Presenting Sponsor. We are also grateful to Genentech, AstraZeneca and the Gail Baird Foundation for their sponsorship support.

WOMAN TO WOMAN EXPANDS ONLINE

Over the past seven years, OCRFA has worked to expand Woman to Woman, our peer-to-peer support program, to 37 sites across the country to connect gynecologic cancer survivors and patients. In an effort to reach women regardless of their geographic location, we have added a virtual component. Now, if a newly-diagnosed patient would like to talk with a mentor but doesn't live near one of our current program sites, we can connect that patient to a trained Woman to Woman mentor via email or phone.

Women who want to be matched simply fill out a form on womantowoman.ocrfa.org. We then match the patient with a trained Woman to

Woman mentor who is located at one of our hospital or community-based sites. Like our physical sites, Woman to Woman Online aims to match women based on their interests and preferences for support.

While Woman to Woman will continue to expand the number of physical sites across the country because of the invaluable experience it provides to patients and mentors, OCRFA is excited to offer this additional service so that women anywhere can get the support they need. To learn more, visit womantowoman.ocrfa.org.

OVARIAN CYCLE: DO GOOD FEEL GREAT

Need inspiration to start an Ovarian Cycle ride? Meet thirteen-year-old Brandon Dean of Jackson, N.J. Brandon, along with his mother, Renee Wallach Kitay, and family friend, Lauren Rosen, organized the second Ovarian Cycle ride in Toms River on April 29th. This indoor cycling event is near and dear to the hearts of the Wallach/Kitay and Rosen families, whose deep roots in the Toms River community go back generations. As part of his mitzvah project for his upcoming bar mitzvah, Brandon is helping coordinate the fundraiser in memory of his beloved maternal grandmother, Fran Wallach, who passed away from ovarian cancer in 2012.

Organizer Lauren Rosen lost her own mother to the devastating disease in 2006. “It is our hope that someday in the very near future there will be a cure for ovarian cancer and that every woman battling this devastating disease will win their fight,” Lauren Rosen said. “The dollars we raise at this event have real life-changing and life-saving impact.”



Brandon Dean

OCRFA's Ovarian Cycle rides take place across the country, with new locations added regularly. OCRFA is thrilled to be partnering with CYCLEBAR on rides in cities where they currently have studios. Check for locations at cyclebar.com. No CYCLEBAR in your area? No problem. Ovarian Cycle rides can be held at any cycle studio. Don't see a ride in your area? We can help you start one. For more information about Ovarian Cycle contact Claudia Shapiro, Director, Community Events, at cshapiro@ocrfa.org or visit ocrfa.org/events/ovarian-cycle.

CREATE YOUR OWN OCRFA FUNDRAISER

From all over the country, people find creative ways to fundraise for OCRFA. Whether it's participating in a triathlon, hosting an event, or creating a donation page in honor or in memory of a loved one, our supporters tirelessly dedicate themselves to the ovarian cancer cause.



Jennifer Cutler and husband Matthew

This past February, OCRFA was grateful to be the beneficiary of Jennifer Cutler's 10th Anniversary Gala, chaired and hosted by ovarian cancer survivor and superstar fundraiser, Jennifer Cutler. The event raised over \$22,000 for ovarian cancer research, bringing the total raised by Jennifer to more than \$185,000 over the past 10 years!

There are many ways to fundraise for OCRFA. You can ask your colleagues to wear teal for a day, invite friends to donate in lieu of accepting wedding gifts, or even host your own comedy show. The ideas are endless and only limited by your imagination! Visit ocrfa.org/fundraise to learn more and become part of the team to end ovarian cancer.

STAND UP FOR MADELINE AND OCRFA

On May 14, OCRFA will bring together comedians and supporters for an evening of laugh-out-loud stand up performances at Carolines on Broadway in NYC. The event features fantastic live comedy from some of the greatest comedic talents, as well as a live auction, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, all to benefit OCRFA. For the past 17 years, the event has been held in memory of the legendary actress and comedienne, Madeline Kahn, who passed away from ovarian cancer in 1999. To purchase tickets, please visit ocrfa.org/events.



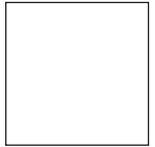
SUPER SATURDAY IS COMING TO MANHATTAN: SEPTEMBER 2018

OCRFA's Super Saturday—a day of fashion, food, and fun—has been a fixture in the Hamptons for the past 20 years. This year, we're delighted to announce that our iconic event will be moving to Manhattan in September 2018.

This new event will still have everything you love, including the exclusive private shopping experience with top designers, along with the

bonus of lots of new and exciting additions, like tastings, mixologists, virtual experiences, and pampering beauty bars! We remain incredibly grateful for the long-time support of our partners, sponsors, and attendees, and look forward to you joining us as this fundraiser continues to grow and evolve, all in support of women's health and our fight against ovarian cancer. To stay informed on the date, venue, and details, please visit ocrfa.org.





SAVE THE DATE

Turn Up the Heat Boston — May 8

Boston College Club

**17th Annual Stand Up for Madeline
and OCRFA — NYC — May 14**

Carolines on Broadway

Ovarian Cycle

Pittsburgh, PA — June 3

CycleBar North Hills

**Ovarian Cancer National Conference,
Washington D.C. — July 13–July 15**

Hyatt Regency Washington

Advocacy Day

Washington D.C. — July 16

Ovarian Cycle

Jackson, MS — September 20

The Club at Township

Ovarian Cycle

Tampa, FL — September 22

Soho Cycling Studio

Ovarian Cycle

Rio Grande Valley, TX — September 22

The Club at Uptown

Super September — TBA

New York, NY

Ovarian Cycle

Los Angeles, CA — September 30

CycleBar Culver City

